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NAVY CHEERS GREET CREW OF AMETHYST

Frigate Will Precede Cruiser Into Hong Kong MEETING IN CHINA SEA

Aboard HMS Jamaica off Tung Yung Island, August 1. This cruiser contacted Britain's shell-pocked frigate Amethyst at 0914 GMT amid lusty cheers of Jamaica's more than 700 officers and men, writes A.P. Correspondent Wayne Richardson.

Welcome For Amethyst

It is understood that preparations have been made for a Naval delegation to welcome the heroes of HMS Amethyst.

The public will probably be allowed on the dockside when Amethyst arrives here tomorrow morning.

Full details will be published in the "China Mail" tomorrow.

Seven Arrested In Jap "Death Express" Case

Tokyo, August 1. Seven alleged Communists were arrested today and charged with responsibility for the Mitaka "death express" incident on July 15 in which six persons were killed and 14 injured.

All those arrested were former railway employees who were discharged as part of the government austerity programme directed by General Douglas MacArthur.

Three Communists were previously arrested but one was released for lack of evidence.

Meanwhile, five hundred police raided the editorial offices of the Japan Communist Party and after searching the building arrested two new suspects on a charge of blackmarket irregularities or blind publication of the party organ, "Red Flag."

The raid on the secretive "Japan's Kremlin" virtually coincided with a formal denial from anti-Communist Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida to-day that he had asked General MacArthur for powers to create a special police force for controlling subversive elements in Japan.

The police seized a large volume of Communist papers relating to the publication and arrested Mori Inoue, the newspaper's business manager, and Masaharu Miyamoto, head of the "Dawn Publishing Company" which prints the party organ.

On Saturday the police arrested Kijiro Nagai, described as a member of the party in charge of supplies. All the three men were card-carrying members of the Japan Communist party.

The police charged the men were guilty of violation of price control laws and illegal handling of rationed materials, including newsprint.—United Press.

The cheers were followed by a Royal Marine band playing "Cruising Down The River On A Sunday Afternoon" and "The Conquering Hero Comes."

Following the cheering, Jamaica ratings let loose with "Oggie Oggie," West Country yell. (Amethyst and Jamaica's crews are West Country lads.)

Signal flags displayed by Jamaica read: "Welcome back, Tidley Oggie" ("Tidley Oggie" is the Navy's name for a Devonshire pasty).

From Jamaica, I-counted seven patched shell holes and numerous smaller holes. Amethyst had a slight port list.

As preparations were made to launch a boat from Jamaica to carry mail to Amethyst, the latter signalled it had developed oil line trouble and would have to slow up until repaired.

The meeting took place on the purple, smooth waters of the China Sea under clear weather.

Lieutenant P. E. C. Berger, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, wounded veteran of the original attack on the frigate, was transferred with

Amethyst's Captain Awarded DSO

London, August 1. King George VI has approved the immediate award of the Distinguished Service Order to Lieutenant-Commander John S. Kerans, captain of Amethyst, for his part in taking his ship down the Yangtze under heavy fire from Communist guns. It was officially announced today.—Reuters.

Two bags of mail from Jamaica to resume duties as navigator for the rest of the vessel's trip to Hong Kong. Amethyst will reach Hong Kong on Wednesday morning.

Vice Admiral A. C. G. Madden signalled from Jamaica: "I am not proud that my flagship shares the honour of escorting your valiant ship to Hong Kong,

Evacuation Of Shanghai Foreigners.

Shanghai, August 1. Mr. Floyd Downs, Shanghai manager for the American President Lines, said today the liner General Gordon may come to Shanghai about September 15 to remove 900 foreigners from China.

Mr. Downs said "at the best of the United States State Department, a request for safe passage of the Gordon has been asked of the Nationalist Government." The Nationalists are blockading all China ports under Communist control.

If Nationalist safe conduct is assured the vessel, "then the question will be whether sufficient foreigners can obtain exit visas from the Communists in time. Already hundreds of foreigners have applied for permission to leave."

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This official said: "This heroic action is far more important than any comment we can make."—Associated Press, United Press and Reuters.

DUKE MEETS ICE STARS



The Duke of Edinburgh (left) and the Marquis of Milford Haven chat with two members of the cast of the American ice skating show, "Ice Cycles of 1949", at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, London. At left is Jean Matthews of Hollyburn, West Vancouver, Canada, with Yvonne Broders of Denver, Colorado, at right. AP Photo.

Cease Fire In U.S. Envoy Leaving Indonesia Announced

Batavia, August 1. The Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans today agreed to order a cease fire in Indonesia at noon (GMT) on Wednesday. This was officially announced after delegations of both sides had met under the auspices of the United Nations Commission.

Both sides will simultaneously issue orders that their armed forces shall take "all measures to cease fire and terminate all acts intended to harm the other party."

Today's meeting, which made formal the results of the recent cease fire talks, was closed to the press. A copy of the agreement was flown to the Republican headquarters at Jogjakarta for examination by the Indonesian President, Dr. Soekarno.

Besides the cease fire order, both sides will in a joint proclamation call on "everyone concerned to banish all thought of enmity and revenge and remove all vestige of fear or distrust."

This proclamation also urges an end to "sabotage and terrorism" and all acts which might be harmful to mutual co-operation.

An elaborate cease fire manual, drawn up with the consent of both governments, calls for the establishment of a joint board "to observe the implementation of the cease hostilities orders and the proclamation of any other related orders and directives."

The joint central board has four Dutch members, four Republicans and six United Nations Commission representatives—three civil and three military.

It has also four associate members from areas outside the Republic. The Dutch-Indonesian manual contains military definitions and rules to provide for the implementation of agreements.

Full details of the proclamation and manual will be published after the cease fire order is issued.

The Ship's Company will be granted leave and the Naval Authorities will be very grateful to hear from any residents who would care to offer them hospitality. Please telephone the Fleet Recreation Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Telephone No. 30361, Extension 157.

A Moral Victory

A "New York Times" editorial today said the "escape of Amethyst is not a naval victory," but added that it is "something more important in Asia right now. It is a moral victory."

The editorial continued: "We lost much prestige in the Far East recently and with it, what's worse, we lost much self-respect... But the Admiralty and the men on the ship refused to accept such a frame of mind. Their bold stroke may not affect the outcome of affairs in China but it gives every Briton today the right to lift his head. If it gives Americans, too, the will to lift their hearts and vision" will have been a victory indeed."

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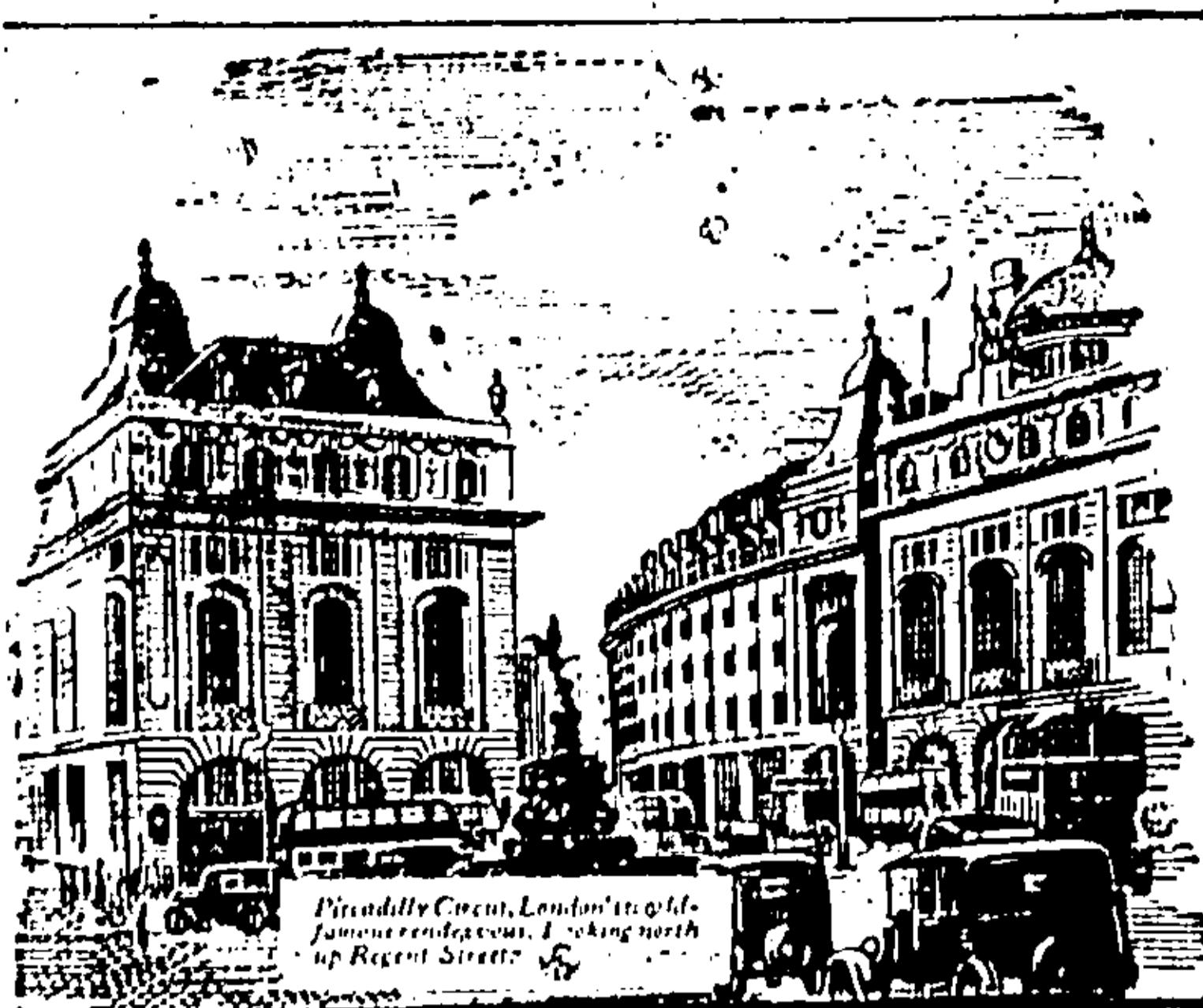
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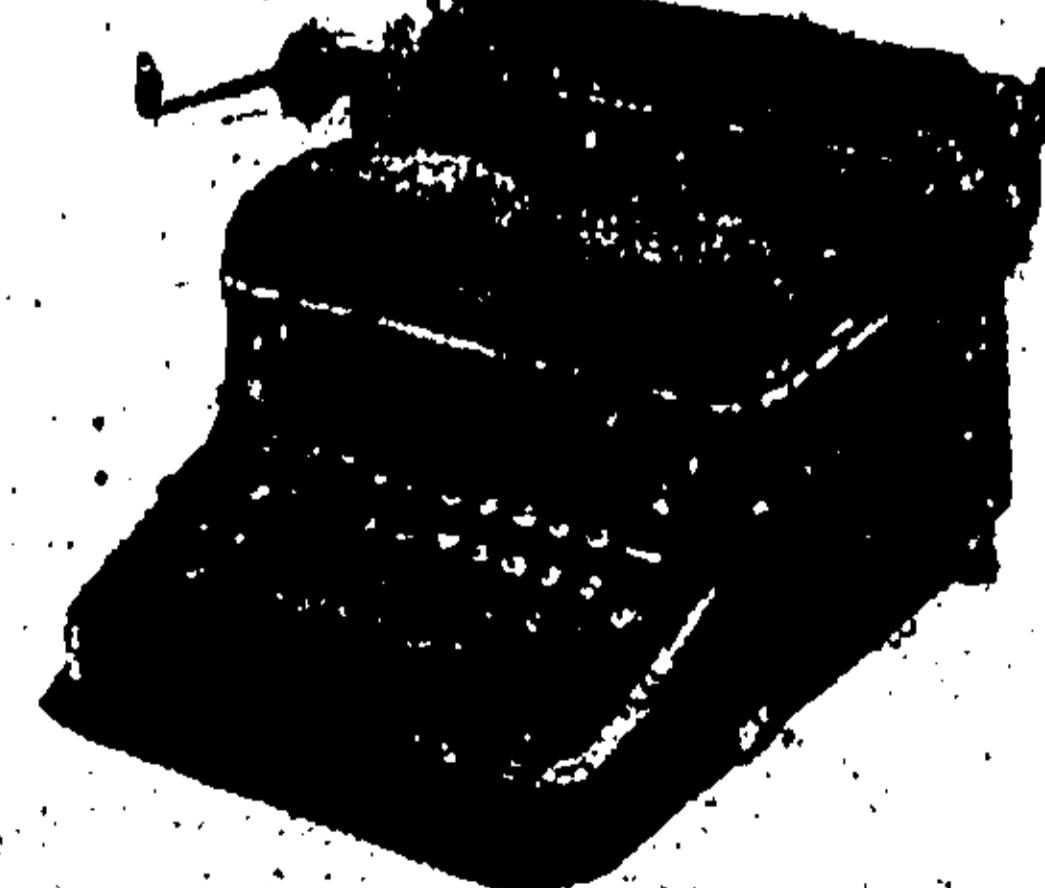
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Amethyst's Feat

Sir.—Not only the British but, I am sure, the non-British members of the community of Hong Kong also will, have read with relief and pride the exploit of HMS Amethyst in escaping from Communist restraint and, I hope that a fitting welcome will be prepared for this heroic crew upon their return.

This episode will go down in history with Narvik and the Arctic epic. Nothing less than a public welcome can serve to show Hong Kong's appreciation of the glorious ending to this unhappy incident. Why should the Government not declare a public holiday in celebration of the event? Britons are loath as a rule to show their patriotism, in this instance we might justifiably do so.

TRAFLAGAR.

Bank Closure

Sir.—As lawful Attorney for creditors of over \$30,000 of the Bank in the Central District that suddenly closed its doors in August 1947, I should dispute with Small Creditor, your correspondent, when he alleged that big creditors who could afford to pay for lawyers' fees could get the monies back. Whereas we have paid some fees to our Solitors for stampa and costs we have not been able to collect our monies.

With one or two exceptions, creditors, "big creditors," do not get more than 10 or 15 per cent of our hard-earned deposits. And we had to pay for the judicial fees. We may have to pay more to get back the remaining parts from those who "over-drafted" our monies without conforming to the little formality of supplying securities.

I would therefore welcome your correspondent's suggestion that the Police should start investigating. For all I know it is a hopeless case for the depositors, big and small, to do any good to themselves.

If such matters escape detection and prosecution it is because the Police is too busy and understaffed. I therefore propose that your correspondent and myself organise ourselves a representation of creditors, big and small, and proceed and press the investigation and prosecution.

A LAWFUL ATTORNEY.

Local Justice.

Sir.—The great courtesy and objectivity of Mr. W. Gordon Harmon's letter of July 30, 1949, make me feel very sorry indeed to have ignored the great differences in the cases as well as the persons concerned. In order not to be misjudged I beg to assure the Public Relations Office that I never believed, nor intended to make believe, that the Department of Justice does not know perfectly well how to administer the Law.

Requisitioning

Sir.—It is now, apparent that nothing short of large scale requisitioning will meet the pressing requirements of the incoming garrison. The principle of taking over isolated blocks of flats and houses hitherto adopted requires an alternative which is expansive enough in concept to ensure ample space which can serve as a clearing depot and emergency barracks. Such space is practically non-existent at the moment, although it is true there is no lack of virgin ground without, of course, seaway, utilities, or

A site does exist, however, admirably equipped for the purpose required. Requisitioning of this site would probably be undertaken without serious disruption of civilian and trade activity. I refer to the entire site, yards buildings, sheds and covered platforms of the Kowloon Canton Railway, from Siu Lan Ferry at Tsimshau to the existing Chatham Road Camp, leaving free the approach to Holt's Wharf, etc.

In my memory serves me correctly some years ago decision was on was about to be taken by Government to shift as soon as practicable the Railway Terminus at Tsimshau to fan down the line as Kai Tak in order to open up badly needed water frontage and sea front. This project did not eventuate probably due to the incidence of hostilities. Now, when not a minute must be wasted, it would appear certain that Government can count on the practical and effective assistance of the Forces in the rapid and immediate implementing of a scheme which has already found official favour.

In support of this proposal I append the following points:

(1) The entire site is well drained and already equipped with water and electricity.

(2) The administrative building with its large verandahs, the station hall with its adjoining offices, canopies, lavatories, etc. would form a solid nucleus for a large camp.

(3) The covered platforms having uprights at regular intervals can be converted into weather-proof huts by building in regular side walls of wood or bricks—no roof, foundations to drain into water tanks, light and running water can be obtained to each hut by using an inclined conveyor for pipes and cables.

Yesterday's Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Villa Carlos following their wedding at St. Theresa's Church yesterday. The bride was the former Miss Patricia Cristina Remedios.—"China Mail" Photo.

More Than 30 Buildings Requisitioned For Army

More than 30 Government and private buildings have been requisitioned by the Quartering Authority for the Army since May. The premises include country houses, factories, godowns, fruit farms, hotel buildings and some of the Colony's most modern apartment blocks.

It has been reported that the Telephone Company's new skyscraper on Nathan Road was also requisitioned but later "released."

COURT BREVITIES

Three Royal Air Force personnel were charged at Kowloon yesterday with disturbing the peace.

E. J. Woodward, aged 27, A. W. Holding, aged 20, and A. Tippling, aged 26, were arrested by Military Police on Sunday night, it was stated.

Tippling was further charged with assaulting a police constable. All defendants were ordered to stand over in sums of \$30 each for one year.

Sergeant David Tudor Richards, aged 39, of the Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with assaulting a police constable.

He was additionally charged with committing common assault on two counts.

The prosecution alleged that on Sunday while at Salisbury Road, defendant assaulted PC 3308 and two other Chings.

Defendant was remanded eight days in military custody.

Wong Tak-luk, aged 17, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with common assault.

Facts against defendant were that PC 283 who was wearing plain clothes was walking along Embankment Street with a friend on Saturday night. Defendant hit the policeman on the cheek.

At this point another policeman who was on duty nearby was summoned and defendant was taken to the police station where defendant discovered that he had hit the wrong man.

He revealed to the police that on the night of July 26, while at the Star Ferry, he was assaulted by four men. He thought that the policeman was one of them.

Defendant was fined \$25.

A kitchen brawl resulted in two Chinese women, one of them with a bandaged head, being present at Central yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

Wong Kum, aged 20, was fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$100 compensation to complainant for assaulting Wong Siu-wah, fellow occupant of the premises.

Inspector Wong told the magistrate that on the morning of July 20, defendant accidentally bumped into complainant in the kitchen. A quarrel ensued and defendant struck complainant with a pair of scissors.

A fine of \$250 or two months imprisonment was passed on Ho Ziu, aged 49, by Mr. Hin-shing Lo of Central yesterday for having in his possession nine cattle of diseased dog meat.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said that he had killed his own dog because he was afraid that it would bite people.

"Don't you think it is cruel for you to speak behind your dog's back after it is dead?" the magistrate asked him. "The dog might have been better than you. It might have been more useful."

An unwelcome visitor to the stable-boys' quarters at the Jockey Club was cautioned and ordered to be expelled at Central yesterday.

Chan Pun-shun, a stable-boy of the Jockey Club, left his quarters for a few minutes to go to the lavatory. When he returned he saw defendant Lo Ho, in his room with a pair of complainant's socks in his pocket.

Defendant was arrested and charged with stealing the socks.

Vietnam Party Hits French "Invention"

The Vietnam National Democratic Party, in an official communiqué to the "China Mail" yesterday, denounced what it described as "a scandalous invention" on the part of the French.

The communiqué referred to editorials broadcast by Saigon Radio and statements in the newspaper "Phu Hung" which announced the participation of the Vietnam National Democratic Party in Bao Dai's Government.

The document added that the French went so far as to publish a list of ministers-designate and officials of the Vietnam National Democratic Party.

It sold that in the drive to get supporters to back Bao Dai, Saigon Radio spread rumours of individuals as well as of parties being ready to co-operate with the Bao Dai regime which turned out to be groundless.

The Vietnam National Democratic party as the leading nationalist party in Vietnam strongly condemned such use of its name and the Party's Central Committee has issued a warning to the Vietnamese people in the free press throughout the country not to be misled by French propagandists.

They were arrested by DCAs 292 and 335 outside Prince's Theatre attempting to sell to the police two tickets at the black market price.

First defendant had 13 gallery tickets (original price was 80 cents each) but defendant attempted to sell them at \$1 each.

Second defendant had four 40 cent gallery tickets which he tried to sell at \$1. All the tickets were for the 8:30 performance.

First defendant had also 12 40 cent tickets for the 10:30 performance.

Second defendant had 10 40 cent tickets for the 10:30 performance.

Both defendants were fined \$100 each.

The communiqué is signed by Mr. Tran Duc Tho, Secretary-General of the Overseas Executive Committee of the Vietnamese National Democratic Party.

Others said if only other schools in the Colony would follow the example of Wah Yan in setting up an afternoon school, more children, thus needing education would not still have to be put on an indefinite waiting list, probably until they are old to go to school.

"We don't mind what fees are charged, so long as our children get an education," was the opinion of most parents.

CHARGED WITH LOITERING

Police charged a Chinese widow, Lee Ping, at Central yesterday with having loitered at the Vehicular Ferry with intent to commit a felony.

Lee Ping, 23, Woosung Street, was, according to the police prosecutor, ST. Baggott, going in and out of the Ferry and watching people's pockets when they made purchases at the booking office.

ST. Baggott alleged that after Lee Ping had mingled with a crowd for about a half an hour on the pier, he left the Ferry and, passing through the streets, he approached a passer-by for \$6. Lin.

On July 30, ST. Hayward said, he saw ST. Lin walking with a European soldier, and he watched them enter the Northern archway of St. John's Cathedral.

The prosecutor said that he found ST. Lin intimate with the soldier, and arrested her.

He added: "The Cathedral authorities have spent a great deal of money on night lighting and the clearing of shrubbery about the Cathedral to prevent this sort of thing."

Mr. D'Almada said that the actions of ST. Lin were disgraceful.

Funeral Miss C.R. Glass

The funeral service for Miss C.R. Glass, 21, of 10, Chater Road, was held at the Central Methodist Church yesterday.

Services were conducted by Mr. J. C. Ho, Mr. C. L. S. F. S. and Mr. C. L. S. F. S.

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Sergeant Uses Hypnotic Skill To Cure Stuttering, Seasickness, Chain Smoking

Reminders

Today
 Bridge Drive, European YMCA, for Civilian and Servicemen, 8 p.m.
 HK Football Association, Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.
 HK Light Orchestra, rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.
 Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
 HK Rotary Club, Tsimshauzai, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, talk on "Pestiferous" by Sir Leslie Gibson, 12.30 p.m.
 HK Football Club, annual meeting, Happy Valley, 6 p.m.
 Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
 Mahjong Lessons (Servicemen free), European YMCA, 8 p.m.
 Toe B meeting, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
 Dr. C. T. Wong will be the speaker at the Kowloon Rotary Club meeting at Peninsula Hotel on Thursday. His subject will be "The Spirit of Rotary."
THURSDAY
 Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
 Y's Men's Club, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
 Barnstormers variety show, European YMCA (for troops), 8 p.m.

Weather Hits Kai Tak Operations

The heavy rain and misty weather which set in early yesterday afternoon interfered with flight operations at Kai Tak for more than four hours. Many flights were diverted from the Colony due to the extremely poor visibility. Planes on schedule to take off from Canton for Hong Kong were "grounded" to remain grounded.

This kept the Hong Kong-Canton operations suspended during the afternoon until nearly 4 p.m.

A Pan American DC4 from Manila was the last plane to come in before the field was declared unsafe by the authorities.

Another Pan American plane (from Bangkok) circled over the Colony then made out for Manila. PAA's two outward flights were also kept waiting.

The Trans-Asian plane from Bangkok diverted to Canton and waited there until the weather improved.

Shortly after 3 p.m. the Civil Aviation Department declared the field closed, just before that, a CPA plane took off but returned to Kai Tak when the weather proved unsafe.

The only plane to make a landing at Kai Tak during the bad weather was BOAC's flying boat from Singapore.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY SPUR

Canton, August 1.
 After 18 months' building, an important 20-mile railway spur has been added to the main Canton-Hankow railway at Ping-shui, Northern Kwangtung.

The railway, which will be opened officially today, runs to the coal-mining centre of Koo-ya-tung, which translated means "big tooth cave."

The first load over the new track will be 600 tons of coal for Canton.—Reuter.



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Sergeant Stanley Phipps of the Army Kinema Corps picked up hypnotism from a relative, who is an expert, during his furloughs. Thanks to his experience several passengers including three Royal Air Force wives aboard HMT Empire Windrush, on which he is in charge of the AKC Section, were relieved from such maladies as seasickness, stuttering and chain-smoking.

"I am interested in this art only from a medical point of view and not for entertainment purposes," the 25-year-old Hampshire serviceman told the "China Mail" yesterday. Hypnotism plays an important role in curing nervous ailments and it should be given more prominence in medical science, he believes.

Recalling the trip from the United Kingdom on the troopship, which brought further reinforcements for the Colony's Garrison recently, Sergeant Phipps said that his first patient was "old Monroe" on R.A.M.C. ship's orderly, who stuttered badly.

"En route from Port Said to Singapore, Monroe underwent irregular treatment and his stuttering disappeared completely. But at Singapore the orderly wanted to experiment on curing it by himself. His stuttering returned. However, it is not so bad just now. With four weeks more of regular treatment Monroe could have cured his ailment entirely."

"At the suggestion of Monroe, I treated them successfully Sergeant Phipps recollects.

Each patient was cured within five minutes under hypnotic spell. She came out well without any ill-effect of the "blackout."

The Chain-Smoker

His next case was a civilian chain-smoker, whom he could not identify.

The patient was smoking away at the rate of 30 cigarettes a day. After being hypnotised, he cut down to one cigarette a day and maintained this ration till he disembarked here."

Sergeant Phipps also recalled the treatment of his fatigue boy, who recovered from seasickness after he was brought out from a three-minute "blackout." The boy carried on his work in good condition.

Arriving from the Miadens, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth, Hampshire, Sergeant Phipps said he learned the art from a relative, Mr. W. Mears, who is a hypnotic expert.

"During my visits to my relative, I picked it up and spent most of my time on the art," he said.

To demonstrate his skill Sergeant Phipps picked out a staff photographer and put him to sleep.

"Think of nothing but listen to what I say. Lower your eyelids and go to sleep," he repeated telepathically at the same time peering into the patient's eyes.

It was not more than three minutes before the patient dropped his head in obedience with a heavy sigh.

"You cannot lift your arms from the chair"—this was repeated twice. Despite his visible efforts to lift his arms they would not move.

A smart slap on the face woke him up—a little dazed but in normal condition.

Falls Backwards

Experimenting on another member of the staff Sergeant Phipps placed two hands on his shoulders, stood behind him and "willed" him to fall backwards.

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Troops At Work In Australian Coal Fields

Sydney, August 1.

Troops began work at the open-cast coal field at Minmi near Newcastle, New South Wales, today as the Australian miners' strike entered its sixth week.

Work by troops was also beginning today in six other New South Wales open-cast fields.

A number of miners were

detained in the nearby area of Sunglei Basin.

The Commonwealth and New South Wales governments had

recently decided to use government labour to maintain production.

Ministers said the miners' strike had not

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This is what one of the "China Mail" photographers looked like after Sergeant Phipps was through with him. And we guarantee that he was definitely out for the count! ("China Mail" Photo).

Standard Medical Fees Urged

A standard scale of medical fees that doctors may charge their patients, is among proposals which the Chinese Reform Association will soon be making to Government.

The matter, it is understood, is still in the exploratory stage, and concrete proposals are being formulated for the consideration of Government.

The matter of medical fees has been a sore point with the Chinese public for a long time, and complaints have from time to time cropped up in the vernacular press.

The general tenor of the complaints is that there is no uniform scale of charges, and in many cases the charges are beyond the reach of the majority of patients. Charges made by certain medical practitioners for medicine supplied from their private dispensaries have also been criticised.

The position has been aggravated recently by the increased number of people seeking medical aid as result of the heat, and consultation rooms of most doctors have, more often than not, been crammed with patients.

Each patient was cured within five minutes under hypnotic spell. She came out well without any ill-effect of the "blackout."

The Survey for 1948 by the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East, points out that the British export drive has been instrumental in the development of considerable volume of multilateral trade—regarded as the world's economical goal—both inside and outside the region.

The Report shows that although there is a trend towards a certain amount of confusion in the fact that the bulk of trade in 1948 was intra-regional, there was also a marked increase in imports from the United Kingdom by India, Burma and Ceylon and since they and one or two other countries are members of the sterling area, multilateral trade is developing.

Production and trade figures were higher than in 1947 but were still on the whole below pre-war figures. The Report describes the progress made as neither substantial nor satisfactory.

From being an exporter of food the region is now an importer and the four per cent decline below the pre-war level in production of cereals.

The Colony's largest floating crane now lies alongside to haul the armoured vehicles from the ship on to the Kowloon Wharf, where the Carthage berths.

But because of the rain, the unloading operation was delayed till some time today.

The passenger liner disembarked more than 150 passengers here yesterday.

Among those who arrived were Mr. R. A. C. McCullagh, Mr. J. C. Eskin-Hill, Mr. G. A. Abis, Miss C. Birchmeir, Mr. J. R. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. A. Charlton, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lucock, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. T. Smithies, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Waller, Mr. A. F. Hedges, Sister L. Cuzzaniga, Mr. P. W. Coxell, Mr. K. J. Jordan, Mr. J. J. Parker, Dr. C. Pang, Mrs. M. A. Pierotti, Miss E. M. Moran, Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Mrs. L. M. Rodger, Sister A. Sampier, Mr. A. F. Sergeant, Mr. G. E. Tatter and Mr. G. Steward.

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To compensate Shareholders, the Company's Directors propose to make in due course a Bonus Issue of Shares, in the ratio of one Bonus Share for each Share held, such Shares to rank for dividend as from 1st January, 1950, to all Shareholders registered on the books of the Company at the date the transfer books are closed prior to the next Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company.

It is the present intention of the Directors to finance this Bonus Issue partly out of the profits for the current year and partly out of the Company's existing reserves. In addition, provided the Company's trading results remain at their present satisfactory level, it is hoped that it may be possible to pay a Dividend of \$2 per Share in respect of the year 1949.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 29th July, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

ANDREW NICOL, Acting Director of Public Works.

NOTICE
SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 6th day of August 1949, at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 1,200 square feet is situated at Beech Street, Tai Kok Tsui and is suitable for industrial purposes.

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This Dividend will be payable on or after Monday, 15th August at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES OF THE Corporation will be closed from FRIDAY, 29th JULY to SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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PANCHEN LAMA'S INAUGURATION

Because of the political machinations of Tibet's powerful neighbours, the Buddhist Lamas will formally inaugurate their 14-year-old Panchen Lama, spiritual head of all Tibetans, in North West China early this month.

Mr. J. Black, of the National Resources Commission, Nanking, described to the "China Mail" his experiences and impressions of the Kum Bum lamasery, where the Panchen Lama lives, his meeting with the Panchen Lama last August, and the political background of Panchen's early inauguration.

Mr. Black went to Tibet with a Chinese Government mission last autumn, and stayed there for three months.

He said that the enthronement of Kwan Tao Chan Tan, the Panchen Lama, as the living Buddha, was a complex political move to hold Tibetans to Nationalist China, through the Moslem Governor of Chinghai, Ma Pu-fang.

He said that the stage was set in Tibet now for the start of another game of political intrigue. He added: "The arch enemy of the Panchen Lama is the Dalai Lama of Lhasa, the temporal leader of Tibetans.

"Recently, the Dalai Lama exiled Chinese Government Representatives from Lhasa, the Tibetan capital. This was undoubtedly on the insistence of the Russians, who hold important influence over the Dalai.

He added: "These three tutors constantly had their hands together, and gave me the impression that they had a great deal to do with plot and counter plot."

Mr. Black described the Panchen as a bright, intelligent boy, who lived a completely regimented life under the supervision of Lamas.

"The boy's only recreation are his two pet antelopes and several small dogs. The only words he said to us on his own were pleasantries on whether or not we had enjoyed our journey.

In Mr. Black's opinion, however, since the Panchen Lama is only the spiritual head of Tibet, it is doubtful whether the Panchen can influence the practical workings of the Tibetan government. He added that there was no doubt that the Dalai Lama is directly under Communist influence.

In this way, the Lamas found Kwan Tao Chan Tan in 1938, and took him to the Kum Bum lamasery in preparation for his enthronement, which will be early in August for the present Panchen.

Describing Kum Sum lamasery, where the inauguration will be held, Mr. Black said, "The main

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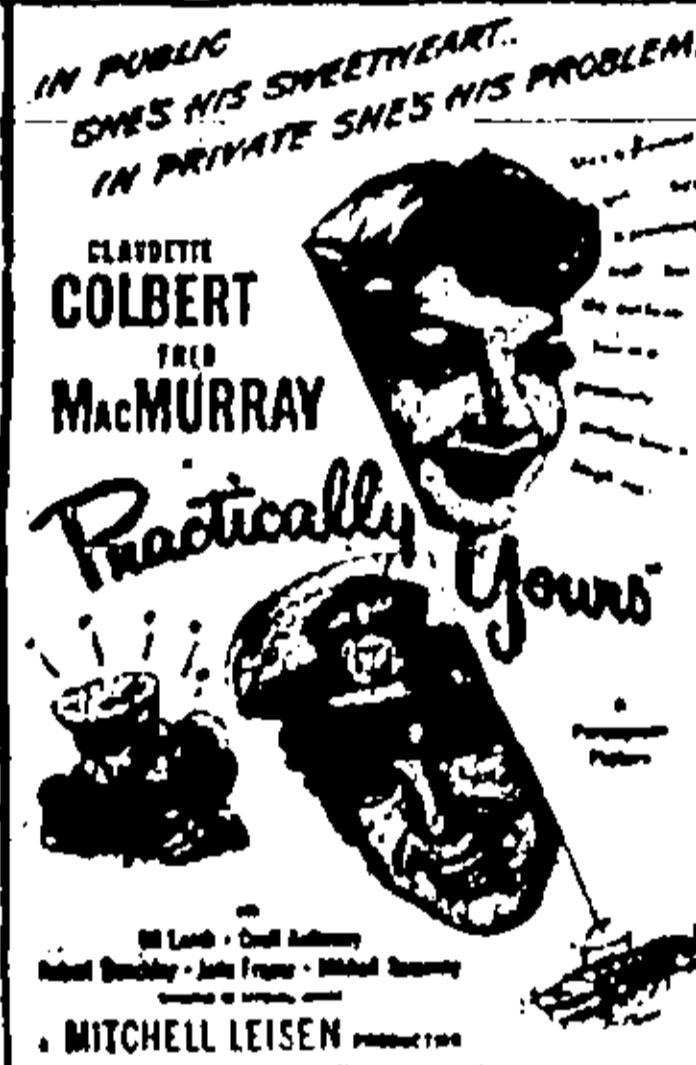
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London, July 31.

With the exception of Central France, where the dry spell entered its 52nd day, West Europe's heat wave today generally shows signs of breaking, but the Eastern seaboard of the United States continues hot.

Britain, including London, had intermittent light rain. The sharp change from sunshine to showers scattered thousands of August Bank holiday crowds at the seaside, so used to sunshine that they were not provided with waterproofs.

A cold wind with rain swept Holland, Belgium and rainstorms after a morning of sunshine, and the temperature fell sharply in Eastern Germany.

Across the Atlantic, thunderstorms brought relief to New Yorkers, sweltering in the city's hottest week.

Brussels: Belgium's five-week drought ended today when rainstorms broke over most of the country. They came as a surprise in the late afternoon after a morning of splendid sunshine, with a shade temperature of 20 degrees Centigrade.

Holiday-makers on the coast were caught by the downpour. Women in flimsy frocks at Ostend scurried for shelter.

Weather officials predict only a temporary respite. It may rain tomorrow, but Tuesday's forecast is hot and sunny again.

The heat wave was unbroken in Paris today—the 52nd day of the dry spell. The noon temperature was 31 degrees Centigrade.

The forecast for the Paris region and the rest of France, ex-

Churchill
Escapes
A Ducking

Gardone, July 31.

The motor boat in which Mr. Winston Churchill was riding sprang a leak and sank but the former British Premier failed to get wet.

Mr. Churchill barely had time to transfer to another craft with his coat and paints when the boat in which he was crossing the lake to the Eastern shore sank several yards off the jetty in front of his hotel.

The record boat brought him safely to Saint Vigilio Point where he painted the landscape.—United Press.

Referendum
On Military
Service

Wellington, July 31.

A referendum on whether or not there should be peacetime conscription in New Zealand will probably be held early in August.

A bill providing for the referendum has been introduced in Parliament by the Prime Minister, Peter Fraser.

At the same time, Mr. Fraser explained details of the Government's provisional conscription scheme.

It would provide that all British male subjects ordinarily residing in New Zealand register on reaching the age of 18 and be called up for training a year later.

They would serve 14 weeks in the armed services and would have to take two weeks reserve training annually for the next three years.

It is estimated that an average of 13,500 men would be affected each year, Mr. Fraser said. The party then drove by a de-

SOCIALIST PARTY
MISSION VISITS
KING LEOPOLD

Geneva, July 31.

M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Acting Belgian Prime Minister, arrived here tonight with a Socialist Party Mission to see King Leopold at his villa in Pregny.

M. Spaak was accompanied by M. Jules Joseph Merlot, Minister of Pensions, and M. Anton Spiney, Socialist Deputy and Burgomaster of Malines.

The fourth member of the party registered at the hotel is M. Georges Prosper de Bieck, an industrialist.

The four men made the 12-hour journey from Brussels in a big, black Cadillac. On their arrival they went straight to their rooms in one of Geneva's leading hotels for a rest.

M. Spaak and his party left the hotel at 7.30 p.m. local time, saying that they were going to see the King.

M. Merlot, member of the Belgian Socialist Party Executive, told correspondents: "The Socialist Party decided to send three delegates to try to clarify the situation which must be solved in the interests not only of Belgium but of Europe."

M. Merlot said that the Socialist Party's policy has not changed.

Not Against Monarchy

"The Socialist Party has never declared itself against the Monarchy as such. This is a situation resulting from the war."

When M. Spaak joined the others he brushed past correspondents waiting in the hall of his hotel with the words: "No, I have no declaration to make, either now or tomorrow".

De Bieck, the fourth member of the party, said: "I am only the chauffeur".

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Liege, July 31.

A Ukrainian miner who escaped from his police escort on the way to be questioned about the death of a Polish miner was later found in a policeman's house, hiding under a bed.—Reuter.

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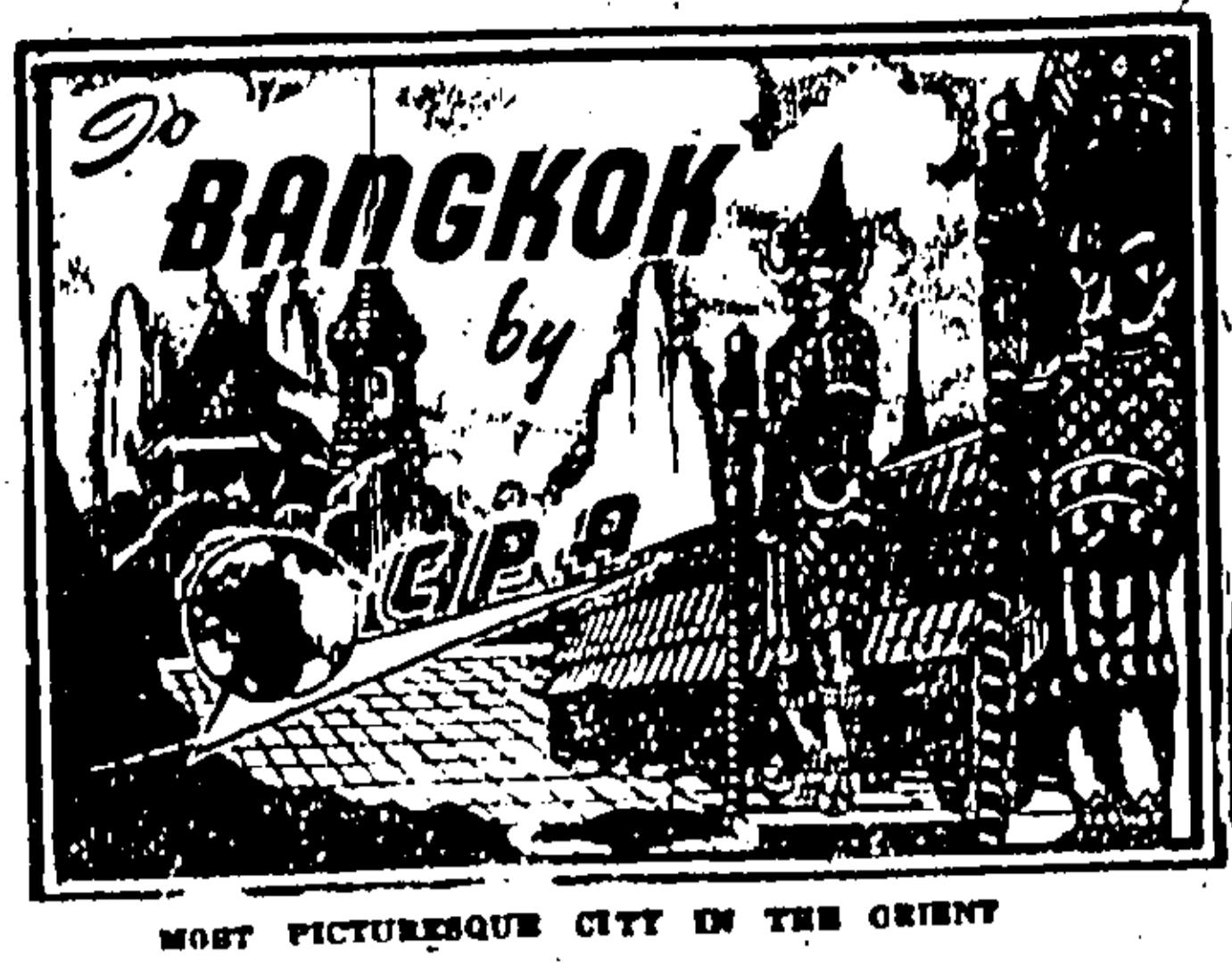
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AMETHYST ESCAPE

British hearts all over the world are glad today because of a small but significant incident—the daring escape of the sloop Amethyst from Communist captivity in the Yangtze. Held under intolerable conditions of heat and confinement, the reduced ship's complement on instructions from London broke successfully from the embrace of the glorious people's state, her guns speaking defiance before she crashed through the boom.

This is in the best traditions of the Royal Navy, and typical of the British qualities of enterprise and courage against odds—the traits which the spoon-feeding welfare state is doing its best to dissipate at home. It is, in fact, surprising that the order from Whitehall was given at all, and we can well imagine the months of weak-kneed trembling and heart burning which Attlee and his grim-visaged crew experienced before allowing the order to go out. Be it to their credit that they eventually did give it.

This decision may mean the end of the indiscriminate policy of appeasement which was so obviously doomed to failure. It is probably necessary for Hong Kong to trade with China even under totalitarian rule, but let us do it on our terms, not theirs. The Shanghai holdings are not to be held by giving in to every whim of the conqueror.

Amethyst's escape brings to an end a miserable episode which reflects credit on no one but the officers and men who underwent the shelling and privations of that criminally futile display on April 20, when a warship was sent to carry consignments of non-essential comforts to our nationals in Nanking while opposing armies faced each other, finger on trigger, across the river. This was fantastic, but to make matters even more incredible to future historians, other valuable vessels were sent in after her—for what purpose has never been discovered. They could not possibly help Amethyst, and were, of course, damaged themselves.

British prestige in the Far East sank to a new low level. Now we have a little of our own back, and local people speaking of Mao and company yesterday said rightly, "Is their face Red?" Of course we can expect reprisals. Britons in Shanghai and Nanking are reported to have rejoiced openly, while at the same time feeling sure that they will be made to pay. There can be little doubt that their apprehensions are correct. The indirect terrorism until now mostly concentrated on the Americans will probably be extended to British residents also. It may, however, be tempered by the Communists' long-term needs, and their present intentions to use Hong Kong as a trading base for essential requirements.

We are glad to learn that the Navy this time does not intend the returning ship to enter our harbour under a virtual cloak of secrecy. Amethyst is tentatively due about 11 a.m. tomorrow, more detailed information to be announced in Wednesday morning's paper.

It is true that Hong Kong is blase about the arrival of warships, but this is a special occasion, and in this instance we would strongly urge all

SAIGON AND THE STRANGER

By A "China Mail" Reporter

It may be perfectly true to speak of Saigon as the Paris of the Far East. But not to a Frenchman. He will only be amused and say in his own eccentric way: "Ah, it is evident that you have not been to Paris!"

The foremost impression gained by the Stranger upon arrival at Saigon proper was the amazing outward calm of its inhabitants, although tense, dormant unrest exist hardly outside its city limits.

The city is divided into two distinct parts, down town Saigon, predominated by Europeans estimated at more than 20,000 besides the military (Eurasians) and the native Annamites; and Cholon, the city's vast, busy, rice-milling Chinatown.

Saigon is smaller than Hong Kong but is less compact. Broad avenues and boulevards spread the city out and its proportionately smaller buildings fit into the city to give it a clean comfortable look.

The city, at present, is just a big splurge of khaki. An estimated more than 60,000 French troops are quartered in Saigon, which has more soldiers than any other city in Indo-China. The troops are stationed in Saigon and permanently alerted to deal with emergencies in the suburbs and beyond. Daily patrols are conducted by troops from the city. But activities of the subversive elements, the Vietminh, are at a minimum compared with a year ago.

Nevertheless precautions are being taken by the French authorities. The Vietminh—rebellious Communists—under Dr. Ho Chi-minh—are well organised in the underground within the city.

Occasionally a stir is raised and a grenade thrown. Recently for instance, the Nam Kwong Theatre in Rue Verdun was the scene of Vietminh sabotage, and a young French girl was killed when a piece of shrapnel lodged in her abdomen.

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two wheels, school children ride them to classes and play. Men mount them to work and even their native amahs seem perfectly at home with the machine.

Then there are several modifications of the rickshaw except the model requiring human propulsion. This was done away with by the French some time ago. In its place today there is the motorrick, the pedicab and the donkey cart. The last mentioned is particularly popular around the suburbs of the city.

Taxis are few, and they take two loads with passengers paying their share of the fare. The buses are invariably packed, and go about in bright colours advertising the city's merchandise. Tram cars too, contribute to the traffic all of which travels on "the wrong side of the road."

The French in Saigon lead an untroubled, easy life, spending most of their free time sipping and gossiping leisurely at the numerous, picturesque pavement cafes, or sauntering aimlessly along the boulevards, or cooling off in the spacious parks.

Busy Centre

The busy centre of the city is along Rue Catinat. Here can be found all that makes Saigon a city which is the main thoroughfare of the city. Here is also the pride of the city in hospitality, the Hotel Continental, the big department stores, Grands Magasins Charner and the Nouveaux.

The gaiety of Saigon is now a thing of the past probably because of the curfew. The night clubs function mostly in Cholon, the China-town connected with Saigon by the three-kilometre long road, the Boulevard de Gallieni.

The popular spot here is the Grande Monde, ritzy entertainment house in the city, patronised mostly by the city's social élite and tourists.

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Britain's New Baby
Growing Up Fast

By GRAHAM STANFORD

Curfew Enforced

All night and day, patrolling Military Police in trucks tour the whole city. Curfew is enforced for five hours beginning at midnight. Apart from this, Saigon lives the remainder of the day in striking unconcern.

Saigon, like any other Westernised city in the East, presents its share of enchanting contrast.

The city's transportation is something that will hold the visitor interested. Along its long roads and boulevards, Frenchmen and natives alike travel by assorted means.

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Sarawak is Britain's youngest Colony and celebrates its third birthday this month.

No doubt you have read of this strange land on Borneo's Nor'West coast, for the White Rajahs who ruled for a century and the head-hunters of old had world publicity.

It was ceded to Britain in 1946 by Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, last of the White Rajahs. For the past three years a hard-working band of Empire-builders have been struggling to carve out a new Constitution and a new future for the land which is sometimes called "Malaya's poor relation."

How are they doing? In view of all the difficulties they should feel fairly proud of themselves. An estimated budget deficit of more than £160,000 has been turned into a surplus of £350,000, and the so-called "poor relation" last year had a favourable trade balance of more than £3,000,000, with exports breaking all records at more than £20,000,000.

But it will be a sad day for Sarawak if American synthetic rubber wins the battle, for the growth of this Colony will undoubtedly be impeded.

Whatever happens, Sarawak is taking no chances and is doing its utmost to develop other products in case rubber does go.

She is a wise enough baby to know that it is dangerous to put all your eggs into one basket.

Democracy Liked

Decendants of the old head-hunters are learning the laws of democratic rule, and one-third of the people are now under local authorities.

The present system is still far removed from the adult franchise, but, to quote an official: "The Dyaks are taking to democracy as ducks take to water."

The whole country hungered for knowledge. Nearly half the population have no educational facilities but, after a three-year struggle for schools and teachers, Sarawak now has 384 schools with 34,000 pupils, and 125 student teachers in training.

Public health is improving and at the end of the year the country will have 14 travelling dispensaries instead of two.

Red Tape Slashed

Among all these Empire-builders there is a note of urgency, and I am glad to report that red tape is ruthlessly slashed to get on with the job.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Social Commissioner for South East Asia, is so sold on Sarawak that he is writing a book about it. Sarawak has certainly welcomed more "visiting firemen" in the past three years than any other Colonial territory.

Experts have flown in from the Colonial Office.

Even the United Nations Secretariat was anxious to take a look at Britain's new baby.

Sarawak is really a test case of how soon a British Colony can get on its feet.

The progress report includes the holding of the first population census, a country-wide search for coal, and an aerial topographical survey to comb out mineral resources.

One of the great handicaps facing the Empire-builders is lack of information. Until the census had no idea of the population, had no reports on the quality of agricultural land, and only the haziest idea of the extent of the Colony's mineral resources.

In reply, the broadcasting chief surprised us at the sudden interest in sermons we have promised that they will do what they can to help the sermons broadcast in full. Meanwhile they maintain that it is better to interrupt a sermon before it has really started than to wait until it has almost finished.

Experts Shocked

Slowly things are sorting themselves out and the Colony is taking shape. The majority of the population are farmers, but their primitive methods have horrified visiting experts.

platform for touring Parisienne entertainers. At the moment, the night club is featuring well-known Paris ballet troupes which is remaining in Saigon for a three-month season, performing during the week-ends.

Grande Monde during the day is a busy house of gambling with roulette, fantan etc calling the spare cash of eager speculators. Customers entering Grande Monde are searched by police and cameras are strictly forbidden.

Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, conspicuously a brothel in Cholon, is a large establishment on Gallieni and is patronised mostly by the military. Informants told the Stranger that many a dancing girl from Canton and particularly Hong Kong has found her way to Cholon.

In all, Saigon town life today is peaceful and calm.

Cost of living in Saigon is cheap and is estimated to be less than 80 per cent that of Hong Kong. Foreign goods, however, are unobtainable or very expensive in the black market which is Saigon's lucrative business. A tin of Gold Flake cost three times the price in Hong Kong.

Saigon's housing problem is as serious as any other cities in the world today.

The people, however, seem content with their own standards and live the day hoping for settlement of its political affairs at the same time wanting very much to retain their own status.

To the visitor, the people are polite and helpful, flattered when you tell them that they speak good English and unmindful that you speak no French.

They avoid politics but once caught in a discussion, are out to convince you that they are doing right.

Perhaps the peace and tranquillity of Saigon—or is it the intriguing under-current of instability—can best be seen from the deserted streets of the city in the afternoon, when, under the bright hot sun, within their shuttered windows, the city takes its siesta, as the church bells peal the afternoon office of Saigon's Clergy.

Weather Trouble

Weather forecasts—the special holiday variety—are causing trouble in Switzerland.

In Zurich can be heard the complaints of thousands of would-be Swiss holidaymakers who have missed sunny week-ends at the coast and in the country because of faulty forecasts.

The trouble began at Easter Saturday, when as late as Easter Saturday, the three-daily radio bulletins were forecasting a wet week-end.

Listening in to the persistently gloomy forecasts, the holidaymakers ignored the sunshine outside—and cancelled their holiday bookings. Yet Switzerland had its finest and warmest Easter on record.

Even then the disappointed holidaymakers were prepared to forgive and forget. Not so, however, when the same thing happened again. Writing direct to the Swiss Meteorological Station the holidaymakers protested furiously.

Now, writes Hugo Kuranda, with yet another faulty forecast given last week-end the protests of the holidaymakers have been joined by indignant letters from hotel and boarding house keepers.

Finding reservations cancelled even on the finest week-ends the hoteliers are considering suing the Meteorological Station for "wilful damage" to their business.

A Prince from Apia has lost his pearls in San Francisco. "Never mind," he says, "Samoa where they came from."

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Jubilance Over Escape Of HMS Amethyst TALK OF REPRISALS

Shanghai, July 31.

Happiness of Shanghai's foreign colony over the escape of the British sloop Amethyst has so far been untempered by fear of reprisals by the Communists against Britons caught in China.

This is not because the British have no fear of reprisals—they think that Communist reaction is extremely probable and likely to take an unpleasant form.

For the moment, however, the British and all foreigners are so glad that Amethyst got away that there is an attitude of "Let come what may."

Many Britons first learned of Amethyst's escape during Church services this morning. Voluntary rejoicing took place.

So far there has been no Communist reaction, official or otherwise.

A despatch from the Associated Press Staff Correspondent, Seymour Topping, in Nanking reported the possibility of bitter Communist reaction due to the great loss of face.

He said that Amethyst's position had been desperately bad at her enforced anchorage due to temperatures of 120 degrees and depleted supplies.

It was announced in London today that Lieutenant-Commander J. S. Kerans, Commander of Amethyst, was authorised to make the ship's spectacular escape from Communist captivity in the Yangtse River yesterday in view of persistent Communist refusal to give the ship normal facilities and a safe conduct.

According to a joint statement by the Foreign Office and the Admiralty, the authority was given because after three months the Commander had not succeeded in obtaining a safe conduct upon acceptable terms and the conditions for the ship's company were steadily deteriorating.

Red Demand Unacceptable

The Communist authorities had refused to discuss the responsibility for the April shelling of Amethyst with the British Ambassador at Nanking, the statement said.

Instead, local Communist military authorities made the unacceptable demand that Lieutenant-Commander Kerans sign a document admitting British responsibility for the incident in return for a safe conduct, it added.

Because of his refusal the stricken ship with the 88 remnants of her crew was detained 100 miles North West of Shanghai for three months under almost intolerable conditions of heat and confinement.

Amethyst had been held captive since April 28, nine days after she first came under Communist shore battery attack while proceeding to Nanking on a humanitarian mission on behalf of the foreign community, in the statement's words.

A major battle ensued when the cruiser London, the sloop Black Swan and the destroyer Consort tried to fight their way up the river to her rescue. Total casualties in the four vessels included 44 dead.



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SAIGON'S MAJOR PROBLEM

New Delhi, July 31.
L. M. Pignon, High Commissioner of French Indo-China, told newspapermen in New Delhi today that the problem of the Chinese border is the number one military problem in Indo-China. "All others are mere police actions," he said.

M. Pignon is on his way back to Saigon after two weeks of consultations with Government officials in Paris. He is due to reach Saigon on Tuesday.

He said the Chinese Communists are helping Vietminh with arms and ammunition, adding: "There is sufficient evidence of open contact on both sides of the border."

This liaison with the Chinese Communists prevents real understanding between Vietminh and the Vietnamese, he added.

M. Pignon said it seems likely that all parties in Indo-China will combine in view of the common danger of advancing Communism on the Chinese border but added that there has been no official approach so far between Bao Dai and Ho Chi-minh.

French military forces will withdraw to agreed but still unpredictable places as soon as order is restored in Vietnam.

M. Pignon is carrying fresh proposals but refused to disclose what they are before reaching Saigon.

He said that so far no official proposal has been received from Vietnam but that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's proposal must be considered.

The Chiefs will learn in conferences, here, in London and in Paris, how many dollars, guns, ships, and planes the United States' Atlantic Pact allies think America must supply to insure Europe against aggression and what Western Europe can contribute to that end.

The will also inspect United States' troops and equipment available in Germany to back up America's ability to deliver the atomic bomb, which the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, has described as first priority of joint defence.

General Bradley, Admiral Louis Denfeld of the U.S. Navy and General Hoyt Vandenberg of the Air Force conferred with the Chiefs of their respective services in Europe.

Only piecemeal information on European requests for arms aid has been revealed by pact countries in advance of the conferences.

France has said she wants arms enough to equip 20 divisions.

Denmark's military chiefs say they will need American arms aid amounting to US\$200,000,000.

Italy's Plans

One Italian said his delegation is prepared to ask for sufficient arms, but other delegations were tight-lipped.

Italy is planning to strengthen its link in the North Atlantic Alliance by creating two military defence councils.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Cabinet is preparing legislation for the creation of a Supreme Council of Defence and a Superior Council of the Armed Forces, Ansa agency said today.

The Councils will aim at greater unity of Italy's treaty-limited armed forces now being modernised.

President Luigi Einaudi will head the Supreme Council of Defence. Premier De Gasperi will serve as Vice-President. Members will include the Foreign, Interior, Treasury, Defence and Industry Minister and the Chief of the nation's military defence forces.

The American attitude was reaffirmed in the wake of the denunciation of the dismantling programme made recently by Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Socialist leader in Western Germany.

Dr. Schumacher bitterly criticised the dismantling of German plants, saying it was part of a plot to prevent German exports from competing with those of Britain and other European countries.

The American Government is entitled to 11.8 per cent of "surplus" German industrial plants but has thus far removed but one aluminium foil plant and small quantities of machinery and equipment from three others.

Associated Press.

BELGRADE ATTACK ON THE VATICAN

In an important challenge of the Roman Catholic Church, Yugoslavia's official press today condemned the Vatican excommunication of Communists as an attempt to use religion as a political tool of the reactionaries."

Italian Population Increase

Rome, July 31.
Italy's population is still increasing, but at a slower rate than last year.

The Central Institute of Statistics announced that from January to May of 1949 births exceeded deaths by 168,554.

Deaths during the five months period totalled 225,855, 11.8 per 1,000 compared to 10.8 for the January-May period of 1948.

Births numbered 414,409 during the period—21.7 per 1,000 inhabitants compared to 22.4 in 1948. There were 145,271 marriages, 7.6 per 1,000 from January to May, 1949, compared to 8.1 in 1948.

The newspaper "Borba," which speaks for Marshal Tito's Communist Government published an article describing the excommunication decree as a move aimed at the world's progressive forces and as Vatican revival of Middle Age methods.

To some degree the article followed the pattern of an attack upon the Catholic church elsewhere in Europe's Communist-dominated countries.

The article said the Vatican helped the Fascists during the war and did nothing to halt mass killing under the excuse that it did not want to mix in politics.

The paper contended that this argument was abandoned after the war, but argued that the Vatican position is doomed to fall because it is defending a lost cause.

It added that excommunication could not frighten people who are conscious of fighting for a better life.

The Catholic Church is the second largest in Yugoslavia and speaks on religious questions for about a fourth or a third of the people, mostly in Slovenia and Croatia.

Biggest numerically is the Serbian Orthodox Church, which counts close to two-thirds of the population as follows.—Associated Press.

QUINTS' MOTHER AT LOURDES

Lourdes, July 31.
Mrs. Olivia Dionne, 89-year-old mother of the Canadian quintuplets, who arrived in Lourdes yesterday, was received today by Monsignor Theas, Catholic Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes. The Bishop welcomed her as a pilgrim to the sanctuaries of Lourdes, to which she came from Rome, where she was received by the Pope.

Mrs. Dionne, who was accompanied by two Canadian nuns of the Assumption Order, intends to leave for Paris tomorrow and will possibly return to Canada by air.

"Well Done" Message From First Lord

Malta, July 31.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, signalled the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, signalled the

"Welcome back to the Fleet. Your courage and endurance have been magnificent. Your return was a grand achievement. Well done."

Lord Hall is inspecting British Naval establishments at Malta.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STAFF START MEETINGS

Frankfurt, July 31.
The United States Joint Chiefs of Staff will meet military leaders of Italy and Luxembourg tomorrow.

It will be the first of a series of top-level, top-secret conferences which will implement the Atlantic Pact.

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U.S. Stands Pat On Germany

Washington, July 31.
The United States intends to stand firm on the present reparations policy toward Germany despite increasing German complaints against dismantling, a Government official said today.

A move has also sprung up in the Senate to ask for a new review of the plants due to go.

The United States, the official said, is convinced that plant removals will not jeopardise Western Germany's economic comeback.

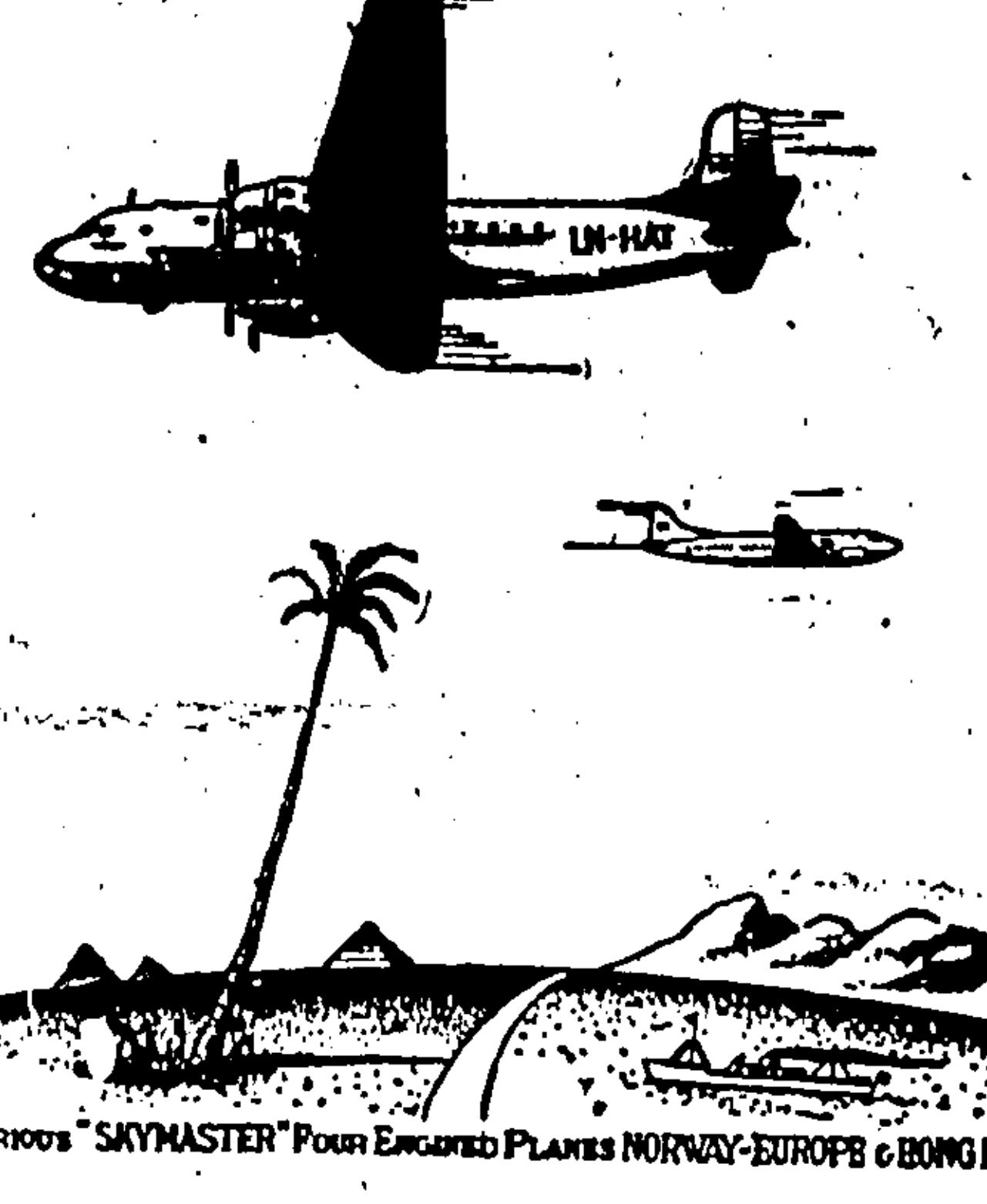
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Groups similar to the Western Union organisation might be organised in the Scandinavian and Mediterranean areas, and on this side of the Atlantic, the paper said.

A mere expansion of the present Western Union group to include all 12 signatories of the North Atlantic Treaty is likely to be rejected.—Reuter.

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Arab Finds The Answer

Caux-sur-Montreux, July 31.

Clad in colourful Arabian costume, Abdulla Zafarullah Aftab, of Aden, told the World Assembly for Moral Re-armament meeting here, that he considers it his responsibility to take Moral Re-armament—the "ideology of change"—to Arab.

He said that in Caux he had found the answer to his hatred for the Jews.

"We Arabs think we are always right and we never yield to others. My bitterness and superiority blinded me. Moral Re-armament gives me the power to think for others, not just for myself," he said.

Mr. Surinam Harayon, Foreign Secretary of the Gandhian Society, said, "Moral Re-armament is one of the greatest forces of the century."

Mr. Harayon, who had trained under Mahatma Gandhi for 25 years, said: "We believe that if you want to change the world you must start with yourself. That is the same as your ideology, which is the hope of the world."

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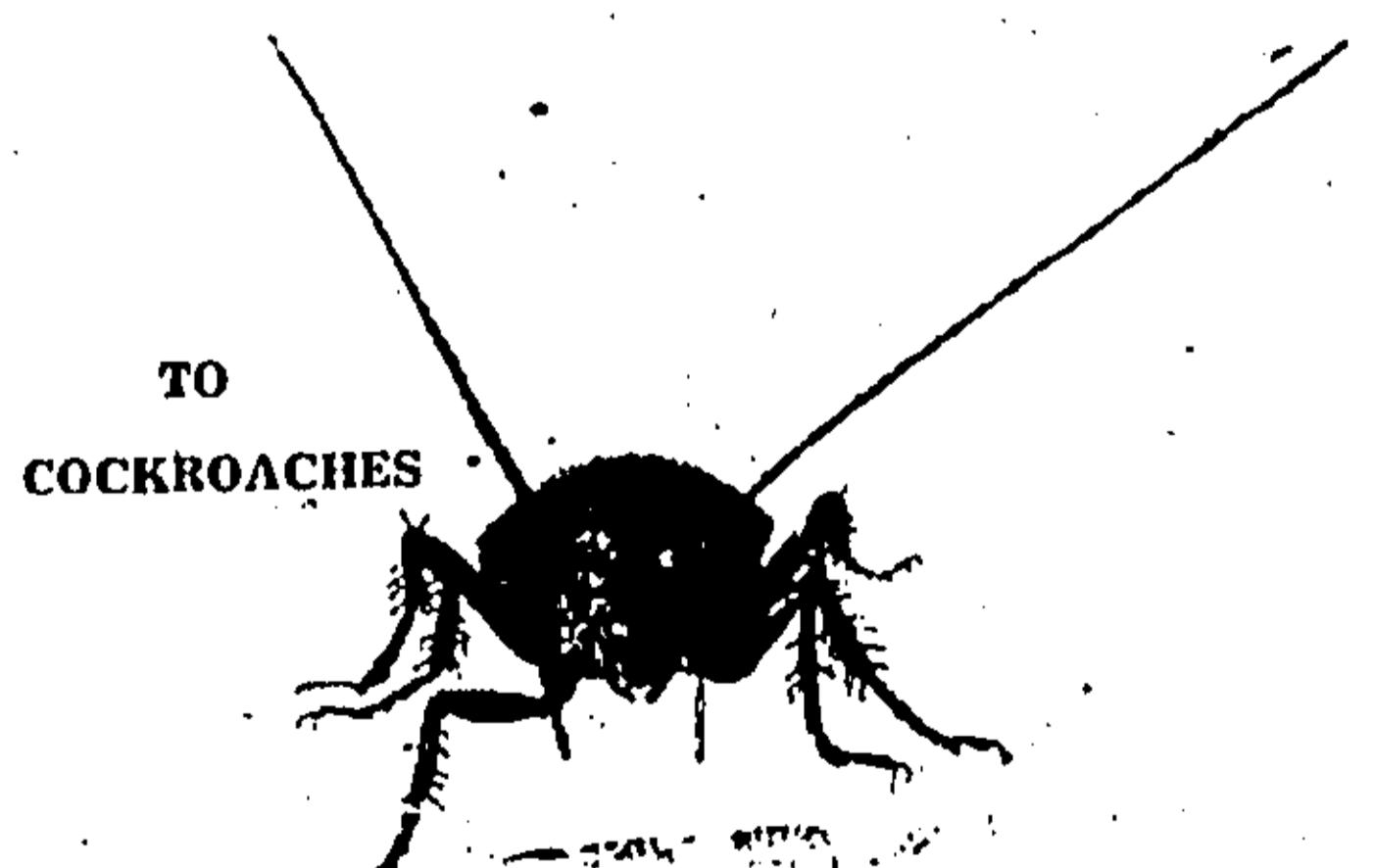
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MISSIONARIES IN
CHINA SEE
A RAY OF HOPE

Canton, July 31.

Local missionary leaders, who have been pessimistic about the chances of continuing their work in China under the Communists, believe they saw a ray of hope when three foreign pastors received calls from Church groups in North China "liberated areas."

They admit that it is still too early to tell whether the experiment will be successful.

Still, missionaries here feel sure no calls would have been sent if their representatives in Communist China had not felt that mission work could be carried on and that it would be possible to bring in people for that purpose.

For the most part, missionaries here agree that there have been few overt acts of restriction by the Communist government.

"Missionaries from my board have for the most part been able to keep what contacts they have, though they are not able to make new ones easily," one mission headquarters representative said. He believed that may be the pattern for the initial stages of Communist government.

Restrictive action may, however, be masked under apparently innocent laws. Heretofore mission property has been tax free; it would be quite easy to burden the missions with levies too heavy to allow them to remain.

Laws concerning public gatherings may be enforced in case of church services. "Currency restrictions may cut off the missions, which have never been self-supporting, from outside income."

Most mission leaders refuse to speculate on what Communist policy may be after the new government has consolidated.

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dated its position. They are hanging on where they can and waiting more definite indications of policy before making plans.

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JOINT CHIEF OF STAFFS'
HAND IN CHINA POLICY
Defence Of U.S.
Security ZoneCommunist
Warning
To Workers

Shanghai, July 31.
The "Liberation Daily," official Communist Party organ, warned Shanghai workers that while they have been liberated politically their economic lives can only be improved gradually.

The paper told the workers they should not harbour ideas of receiving equal pay for all kinds of work. There should be a reasonable wage scale, it said.

Other economic items. Owners so far have stored 1,408 motor cars rather than pay the licence fee of \$50.00 a month. Petrol now costs almost \$3.00 a gallon.

Two hundred of Shanghai's 668 restaurants catering to workers are closing. —Associated Press.

OKINAWA
TO STAY
U.S. BASE

Washington, July 30.

The Air Force expects to use the bases on the occupied Japanese island of Okinawa for a long time.

This indication of strategy, involving a key United States position in the Far East, near Communist China, has been disclosed in a request to Congress for funds to improve the air base facilities at Naha and Kinda.

The Air Force said it considers both bases firm installations. It added:

"Although United States rights to Okinawa have not been clearly defined, it is expected that our tenure there will be of long duration."

Okinawa was conquered by American forces after prolonged campaigning in the closing months of the war. Since then it has been used as a base for combatant and military transport craft.

The USAF request for construction funds was written before the typhoon that caused heavy damage to the island recently.

It said the structures proposed will be of typhoon-proof construction, and that further temporary construction not modified to be typhoon resistant is unnecessary. —Associated Press.

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American military leaders were principally responsible for the administration's decision to conduct an intensive review of the Far Eastern situation in an effort to formulate positive United States policy against Communism in Asia and the Pacific.

The Secretary of State's decision, with Presidential approval, to appoint a commission to review the Asian situation and make recommendations on policy in that area was prompted to a considerable extent by pressure from the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, and other military officials.

The United States' joint Chiefs of Staff and others concerned with long-range defence plans have long felt they should have some more clearly-defined policy framework within which to work out their strategic plans.

This pressure has been supplemented by increasing Congressional criticism of State Department policy in China as the tide of Communism sweeps further South in that country.

There has also been an awakening of public interest in the subject, although it would be untrue to say that the majority of the people share the opinion of severe Congressional critics of American policy.

While the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has recognised the criticism of American policy in Asia to the extent of appointing a commission to look into the situation, high officials warn against expecting this to lead to any dramatic developments.

Instead, as far as the Administration is concerned, the next month or two will be devoted to the exhaustive efforts to acquaint the American public and Congress with all facts of American relations in Asia.

The first effort along this line will be publication of the "White Paper" on Sino-American relations. The State Department intends to bring this out within the next two weeks despite Chinese Nationalist protests that it may give aid and comfort to the Chinese Communists.

Military opinion here, as exemplified by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, still appears to be that the United States should write off China and South Korea and prepare to defend the "security zone" against Communism in Asia, which would be anchored on Japan at one end and India on the other. Intermediate points would be the Philippines, possibly Taiwan, Indo-China, Siam, Burma and Pakistan.

Military officials are understood to be desirous of having some definite line which the United States firmly intends to hold.

They are reported to be particularly sensitive to any further withdrawals of the nature forced on the United States Navy at Tsingtao on the North China coast.

One point on which both State Department and Defence officials appear to be agreed is that the Chinese Communists will have increasing trouble in attempting to administer China and eventually will collapse.

Both Departments appear to favour allowing that situation to run its course. However, they have not yet achieved a meeting of minds on just what position to take after having agreed on this preliminary premise. —United Press.

Seattle, August 1.
Seventy one thousand seal skins valued at \$3,000,000 were taken this year on the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea, says the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The season ended on July 25. —Associated Press.

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SITUATION
IN KOREA
WORSENS

Seoul, July 31.
The United States military mission in Korea was urged drastically to tighten measures today in face of reports that secret agents are flowing into the Republic in increasing numbers from the Russian puppet state in the North.

At the same time, a fierce artillery duel "test of strength" is reported to be going on between the troops of the anti-Communist Republic and the Communist Northern state in the neighbourhood of Kiesong.

Today these developments picture Korea as being on the eve of major armed strife.

A warning was issued that secret American codes are being endangered by increasing laxness on the part of personnel in the United States mission in Korea. The warning was issued by Richard Jones, chief of the security branch.

2. A high Korean official, who would not allow his name to be published, estimated that there are at present at least 2,000 trained Communist agents from the North Korean Republic.

Some of the Communist agents are armed and at present their infiltration route is concentrated along the Korean East coast due to heavier precautions on the West coast, he says.

At the same time the Government's Office of Public Information made public statistics covering the period between December 12, 1948, and June 25, 1949, showing that North Korean forces involving 21,050 rebels made 212 invasions of South Korean territory. —United Press.

AN OLD STORY
RESURRECTED

Frankfurt, July 31.

German schoolboys are being taught that Germany lost the war only because of treason, the British-licenced German newspaper, "West Am Sonntag," said today.

German teachers are again sowing a poisonous seed in the minds of German children, it is added.

The newspaper told of an essay by one boy who wrote: "Our teacher told us that we lost the war only because of treason. The Germans had invented an artificial tornado. But because of treason, they could not release it."

The Germans also had pestilential germs which they could have released over foreign countries. This, too, was treacherously divulged."

The newspaper asserted: "This essay is not an isolated case. It is one of 27 all written on the same lines." —Reuter.

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WORLD ASSEMBLY
OF YOUTHBrussels, July 31.
The first World Assembly of Youth Council will open here tomorrow, attended by 2,000 delegates representing 18 countries. The Assembly is designed to unite the youths of all free countries of the world.

The National Youth Councils of Britain, the United States, France, Denmark and Holland originated the idea. —Reuter.

WAGE DEMANDS

Manila, July 31.

The delegates to the current convention of the Congress of Labour Organisations have passed a resolution appealing to all labour unions in the country to join a general move to increase the labourer's minimum wage scale, per hour, to 50 cents and the adoption of the 40 hours a week schedule.

The Congress of Labour Organisations is regarded as the most influential labour body in the country. —Reuter.

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SENATOR GETS ALL HET UP

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In a statement, Senator Wherry said what he called a "gentleman's agreement" between President Truman and members of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives was all that barred the transfer of secrets to Britain and Canada.

He complained that he and other members of Congress who were not members of the Atomic Committee had no part in the "gentleman's agreement."

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EUROPEAN CROP
PROSPECTS SAID
MORE FAVOURABLE

Washington, July 31.
General crop prospects in Europe are relatively
favourable despite hot, dry weather between
mid-June and mid-July.

This is according to a report of the U. S. Agriculture
Department.

Nevertheless, production of
bread grains—a major import
item—is expected to be about
five per cent below last year and
10 per cent below the pre-war
average.

A good May crop is being
harvested. Production of coarse
grains for livestock feed is likely
to be about the same as last
year.

AIRLIFT
MEN GET
PRAISE

London, July 31.
The Secretary of State for Air,
Arthur Henderson, has thanked
British airlift personnel in Ger-
many for a magnificent achieve-
ment.

"Now that the need for the air-
lift is ending," he said, "I send
sincere thanks and hearty con-
gratulations on behalf of the Air
Force to all members of the
R.A.F., the Commonwealth Air
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throughout the world."

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accomplished and the organisation
built up and the experience
gained will be invaluable, not
only in normal air transport activi-
ties, but also in an operation of
such magnitude as ever again
necessary."

His message was sent to the
Air Officers Commanding-in-
Chief, British Air Forces of Occu-
pation, Germany, and R.A.F.
Transport Command, Air Marshal
T. M. Williams and Air Marshal
Sir Brian Baker.—Associated
Press.

Dramatic
Transfer
At Sea

Honolulu, July 31.
Six-year-old John Driskell,
stricken with infantile paralysis
aboard an Army transport in mid-
Pacific, was brought to Tripler
General Hospital today after a
dramatic transfer at sea.

The son of Sergeant and Mrs.
Percy E. Driskell of South Portland,
Maine, the lad was brought
ashore from the Coast Guard cutter
Iroquois.

It had taken the boy and his
father off the transport General
William O. Darby before dawn on
Saturday 1,000 miles North of
Honolulu.

The transport is en route from
Yokohama to San Francisco.

Doctors said an iron lung that
the Iroquois had taken along was
not needed as the polio was not
progressive and the boy's condition
was fair.—Associated Press.

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Schoolgirls
In Double
Suicide

Tokyo, August 1.
Two girls attending sum-
mer school here plunged to
their deaths from a fifth floor
window while locked in each
other's arms, the "Asahi" re-
ported today.

The death leap, "Asahi" said,
was by Tomoe Euds, 20, and Chizuko Ura, 18,
both graduates of Kvotitsu Girls' College last March.

One of the girls recently
received a marriage proposal,
"Asahi" said, but declined to
part from her roommate.—
Associated Press.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
MEETING THIS MONTH

Strasbourg, July 31.

Detailed preparations are under way here for the
epoch-making first session of the Council of
Europe to be held in Strasbourg probably in
August.

A special reception committee appointed long before
the final decision to hold the conference here,
has made plans not only for the housing of the
conference itself, but for lodgings of hundreds
of delegates, advisers and newspapermen who
will crowd this Alsatian city to bursting point
when the Council begins its first meeting.

tion for both at the same time,"
he said.

An extensive programme of
entertainment, including folklore
shows and a special ballet and
artistic season at the opera, has
been arranged for the delegates,
who will also have a "club"
where they will be able to get
together informally.

Mr. Paine has taken steps to
keep the shops open and the
prices at the same level so that
tourists and delegates will get a
good impression of the town and
want to come back.

He added: "Strasbourg, the
'crossroads of Europe,' is the ideal
place for the Council of Europe.
The people here have had
an 'European mind' for cen-
turies, and have suffered so much
from being a battleground they
will do everything possible to help
the European Union be a success."—United Press.

Turkey Invited

Istanbul, July 31.
The French Ambassador to
Turkey, M. Jean Leucuyer, has
been asked to invite Turkey offi-
cially to take part in the first
meeting of the Council of Europe,
the European "Parliament," in
Strasbourg on August 8.

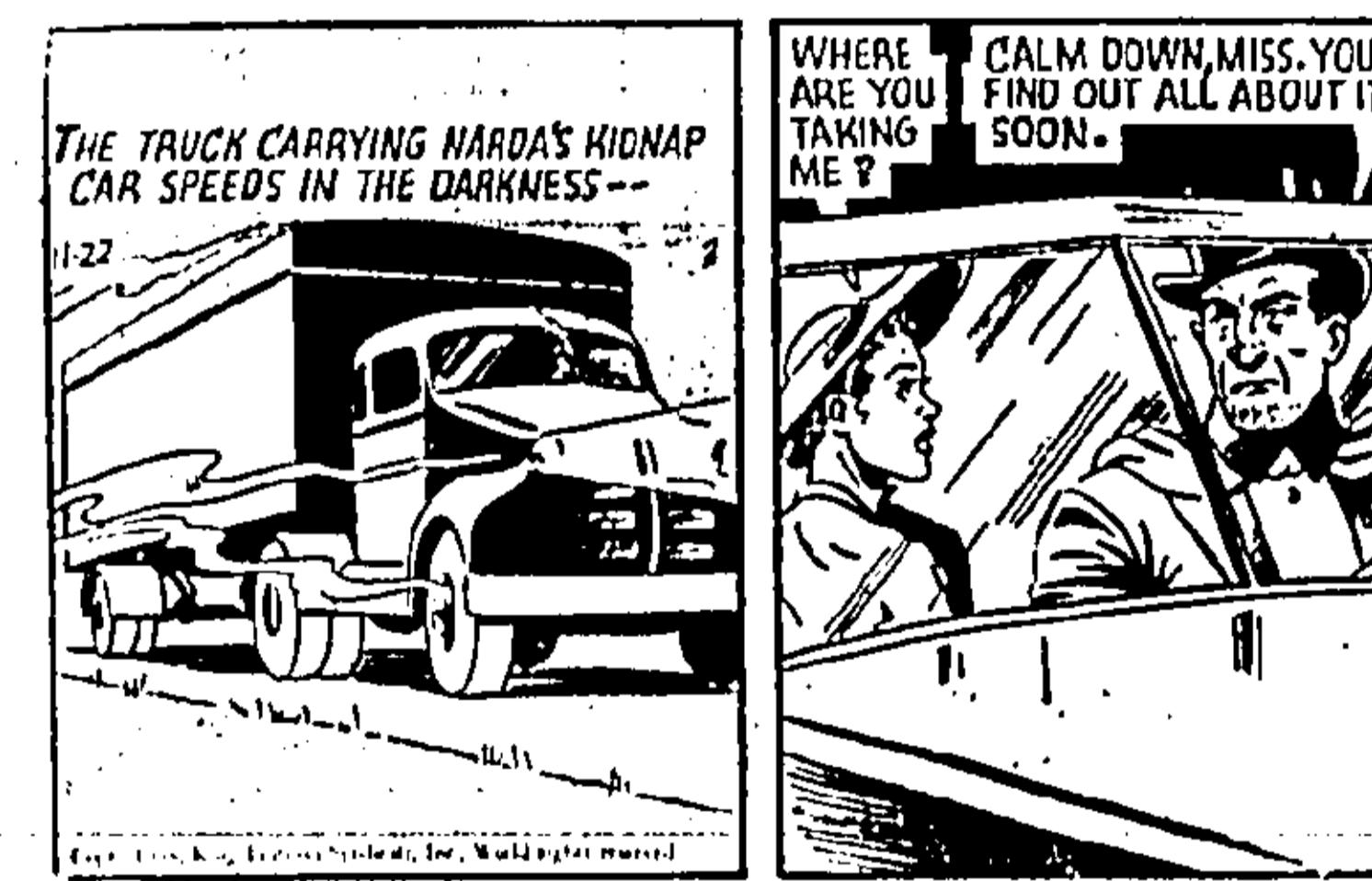
M. Leucuyer called on M. Nec-
mettin Sadak, Turkish Foreign
Minister, who is on holiday in
Istanbul, yesterday. Mr. Sadak is
to leave for Ankara tonight to
discuss the matter with his
Cabinet colleagues.—Reuters.

Second and third party!

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



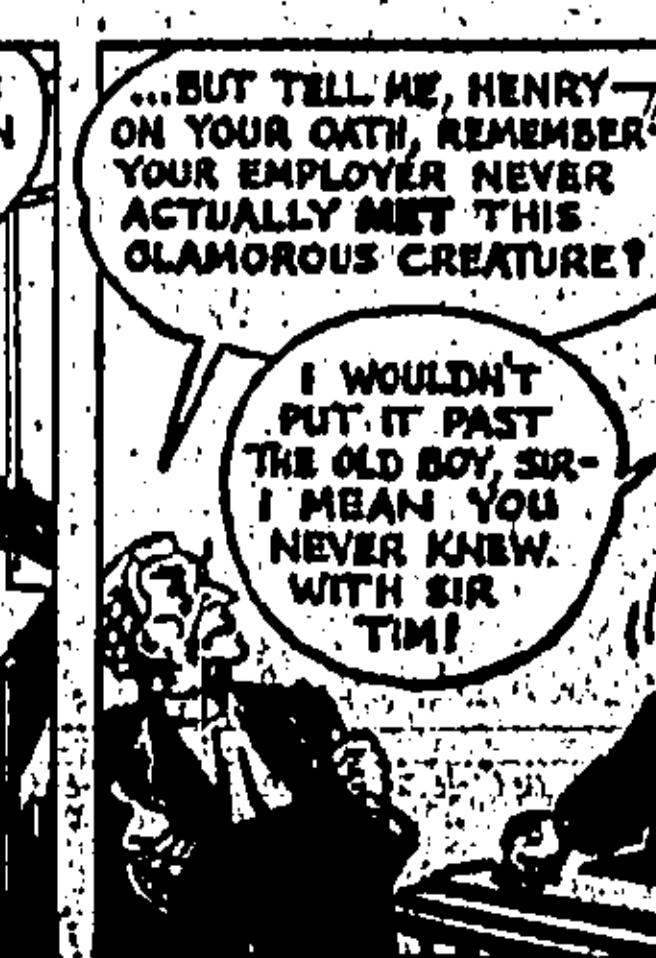
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"NINGHAI"	Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 5th Aug.
"FENGTIEN"	Singapore, Macassar, Surabaya & Batavia	5 p.m. 6th Aug.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore, Sibiu & Brunei	5 p.m. 6th Aug.
"PAKHOU"	Batikok	noon 8th Aug.
		5 p.m. 11th Aug.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf.

ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGTIEN"	Kobe & Keeling	a.m. 1st Aug.
"SZECHUEN"	Brunei & Sibiu	7 p.m. 1st Aug.
"NINGHAI"	Bangkok	2/3rd Aug.
"KWEIYANG"	Amoy	7 a.m. 2nd Aug.
"SHENGKING"	Swatow	8 a.m. 3rd Aug.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow	7 a.m. 7th Aug.
"PAKHOU"	Yokohama	7/8th Aug.

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	Dept. Hongkong	Arr. Hongkong
	2 p.m. 6th Aug.	5/45 p.m. 31st Aug.
		2/7th Aug.

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"ASTYANAX"	N. Africa, Havre	8th Sept.

ARRIVALS FROM

"CLYTONEUS"	UK, via Straits	7th Aug.
"MARIN"	UK, via Straits & Manila	11th Aug.
"ASTYANAX"	UK, via Straits	29th Aug.
"CALICHS"	UK, via Straits	6th Sept.
"TYDEUS"	UK, via Straits	10th Sept.
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GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN STARTS IN GERMANY

FIGHTER RAMMED DAKOTA

Frankfurt, July 31. It's everybody's guess who will win the first general elections in the federal republic of Western Germany.

A guesser has three choices—the powerful left wing Social Democrats, the right wing Christian Democratic majority party, or the still unknown, untested force of "independents."

Fort Dix, July 31. The United States Navy today joined the Civil Aeronautical Board in an investigation of the crash of a Wildcat fighter and a Dakota airliner in which 16 persons died yesterday.

Investigators took testimony from Mr. George Humphries, a Piper Cub pilot, who said the Navy fighter flew past him and swerved in a wide arc into the airliner.

All 12 passengers and the crew of three of the airliner were killed.

The dead included Miss Gesina de Holl, a 40-year-old bacteriologist of Albany, New York State, who recently returned from visiting relatives in Holland.

Professor Howard S. Leroy, 58, Professor of Law at the National University Law School in Washington, was also killed.

He was a delegate to the second International Conference on Comparative Law at The Hague in 1937.

Professor Leroy was also Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of Rotary International in 1946.—Reuter.

BRAZIL CRASH

Rio de Janeiro, July 31. A well-known North American aviator was killed today when flying as a passenger in a small private plane.

The passenger, Lincoln Bruce Thayer da Silva, took off with his pilot an hour before and crashed near the Corcovado Mountains, near here. The pilot was seriously injured. Reuter.

Desperate Fight

Both parties are fighting desperately to gain the slight majority necessary to throw the other contestant into the opposition in the parliament. That would open the way for the much longed for two-party system in the American style.

If these two parties should come out about even they will probably be compelled to enter a coalition although this coalition may also be formed when one of

the CDU will, on the other hand, point to the convincing effects of last year's currency reform and stress that its success was mostly a result of their liberal economic plans. The SPD charged that the Christian Democrats made the poor poorer and the rich richer while the number of unemployed rose steadily.

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BETTER OUTLOOK IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

FOREIGN BUYING OF U.S. STOCKS

New York, August 1.
Last week's advance in the stock market was helped by buying orders from Switzerland.

Foreign purchases of U.S. securities have amounted to only a small percentage of the total turn-over on the exchange.

Just how much is involved is impossible to determine, but there are indications that the amount has increased during the past month or two.

Not all of the stock purchases are for Swiss account. National, of Italy and the Middle East, who hold balances of U.S. dollars in Geneva and Zurich, have been mentioned as ultimate buyers.

One story going the rounds in the financial district is to the effect that within the past month or two, a group of five Wall Street brokerage houses has purchased between 100,000 and 130,000 shares for Swiss account.

It is said that gold shares played a heavy part in the buying.

The rumour said that gold shares were favoured because of the ever present rumour of an increase in the price of gold. Flurries of demand have come from domestic traders during the past year or so based on the same reasoning.

A boost in the price of gold is probably the most favoured rumour running through international financial channels. A close second is the one about devaluation of the British pound.

Another reason offered for the gain in Swiss stock purchases is based on the theory that Swiss traders are taking a brighter view of business trends in the United States than many of the U.S. own prophets and business men.—Associated Press.

FUR AUCTION

Moscow, July 31.
Representatives of American, British and Swiss firms were the main buyers at the six-day international fur auction which ended in Leningrad yesterday, the official Soviet news agency, Tass reported.

More than 2,000,000 skins of all types of fur were sold.—Reuters.

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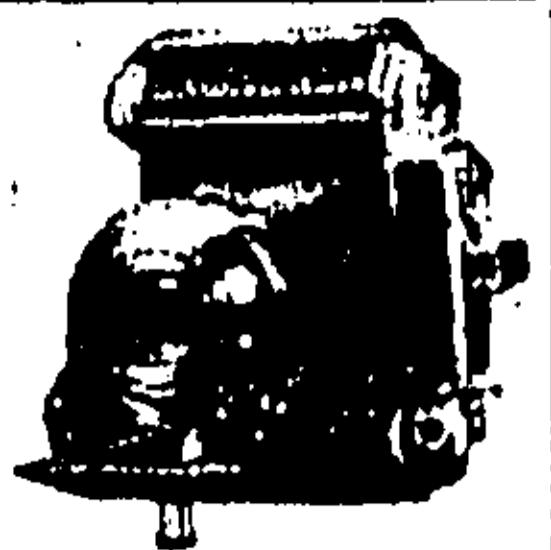
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Grading Plan Should Be Tried In England

(By George Tribe)

One of the chief differences I find between English and Australian cricket is that you don't try to make players here in the sense we do at home. My experience in England is that the county authorities wait until a player forces himself to the forefront by performances in his own particular league or association before they have a look at him.

To my mind that is a mistake. It is in direct contrast to Australian methods, under which the player of every kind, good, bad or indifferent, is encouraged from the beginning: the 14-18 years stage, when habits with bat and ball are formed and the foundations of a career laid.

Rain Halts Cricket Match

Swansea, August 1. The New Zealand cricketers continued their first innings against Glamorgan, the county champions, here today in weather which was threatening but the wicket was good.

Play had been in progress for only 20 minutes when rain stopped the game and there was no more cricket before lunch.

The downpour caused confusion among the 15,000 spectators owing to the inadequacies on the ground. Most of them were huddled in the open, providing what protection they could.

There was no incident in the brief period of play. The new ball, which had not been claimed on Saturday, was called for immediately but Wallace and Mooney both shaped confidently, with Mooney claiming 14 of the 18 runs scored.

Automatically Moves Up

The same youngster in Australia would automatically move up into the next higher grade, affording him better opposition, so that if State cricket was reached he would not find the difference great, having had varied experience on the way up. It is automatic in Australia. You can't help gaining recognition if you have a flair for the game. Those in the top rank must be good or they would not be there.

My own experience is an example. I started playing at 12, and at 14 moved up to another grade, and so on until the top was reached.

Can anything be done on similar lines in England? I don't think the stoutest supporter of English county cricket will deny there is room for improvement. Lancashire have been in the doldrums. They are not the first county club to strike a lean period, and won't be the last, but when you have been a power in the land it is difficult to eat humble pie.

Fine Opportunity

I think Lancashire have a fine opportunity on their doorstep for developing talented youngsters, but not through the leagues as at present constituted.

There is room and scope for a new competition bridging the gap between league and county cricket.

My suggestion is the formation of a new competition on district lines, starting with six teams. Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, Burnley, East Lancashire and Preston districts could each form a team of picked young players from any league or competition in their area.

No need to interfere with present Saturday afternoon league cricket. The games in the competition could be played two evenings a week at Old Trafford, giving the players county atmosphere and a better class of opposition than they normally come up against.

I don't think there would be any difficulty in making such a competition pay its way. People who cannot get away during the day when the county side is at home would be glad to slip down to Old Trafford for two hours evening cricket.

Yorkshire Example

I am convinced that, working on those lines for a season or two, Lancashire would encourage and develop its youngsters. The county would have a shop window in which to look for future stars.

In Yorkshire

They make greater use of the league by loaning out the young professionals on the round-trip to gain experience in the rush of Saturday afternoon cricket.

Swimming Gala Postponed

The swimming gala, which was to be held at the Victoria Services Recreation Club yesterday evening was postponed owing to the inclement weather.

U.S. Swim Stars Due Here Today

The American Olympic swimming team is due here from Manila today at 2:30 p.m. by air.

It was officially announced last night, that rain or shine the original programme at The Ritz will be carried out tonight and tomorrow night.

Reservations for \$10 and \$20 tickets will be accepted at the China Emporium up to 3 p.m. today and tomorrow. After 3 p.m. reservations may be made at The Ritz.

Meanwhile United Press reported from Tokyo, the long arm of the American Amateur Athletic Union reached out to Japan today to impose a boycott on the planned exhibition here by eight American swimmers.

The suspended splashes were expected to arrive in Tokyo late this week en route to the United States from exhibitions in Manila and Hong Kong, and the Japanese Swimming Federation had planned to sponsor exhibitions against Japan's best.

Masaji Tabata, President of the Federation, which only recently regained American Amateur Athletic Union recognition, received telegraphic notification from the AAU today that the barnstorming swimmers were on the AAU suspended list and no affiliated organization should sponsor their appearances. Tabata quickly complied, apparently killing all chances of their performing against Japanese swimmers.

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Shapely, smiling Shirley will try sometime after August 8 to swim the 20 chilly miles from Can Gris Nez, France, to Dover. She wants to beat Gertrude Ederle's record of 14 hours, 34 minutes for the cross-Channel swim.

She took her first trial plunge into the Channel today. The water was very choppy, so she made it a short dip.

When she tries for the record she will swim in the nude, says her coach, Harry Boudakan.

"I suggested that Shirley dive in nude because it will rub off the layer of grease used to protect her from the cold water," Boudakan explained.

Shirley eats heartily while training.

"She needs a steak a day," said Boudakan, "but we don't know how to find them over here with the meat rationing, the way it is."

Glamorous Beauty

Shirley has been front page news in the British papers. They noted that her entourage includes a business manager and press agent, a coach, a trainer, a chaperone and a friend.

Reporting her arrival in London, the London "Star" said:

"Tawny hair as glamorous as any film star's swept her white top fur collar and she flashed a smile as brilliant as a tooth-paste advertisement at the crowds."

Mrs. Willy C. Van Rijse of Holland, who tried last week to swim the Channel, met Shirley and gave her some tips.

"After 23 shampoos I still haven't all the grease out of my hair," said the Dutch housewife, who plans to try again.

The two women have one thing in common:

They both swim in the nude, coated with grease.—Associated Press.

Sam Snead Wins Western Open

St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31.

Unrelenting Sammy Snead never gave the others a chance today as he blasted par to win the US\$15,000 Western Open Golf tournament in a record 266 strokes.

The cool White Sulphur Springs ace clipped 20 strokes off par for his 72-hole total—two strokes better than a previous tournament record set by Johnny Palmer at Salt Lake City in 1947.

Cary Middlecoff of Memphis, Tennessee, roared from behind with a seven under par (65) today to grab second place money with a 272-stroke total.

Three players—Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, California, Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago and Chick Lang of Detroit—tied for third at 273, while bespectacled Slick Alexander of Lexington, Kentucky, trailed them by three strokes to take sixth place honors in the four-day medal play tournament.

His victory today gave the long-driving Southerner his third major championship of the year—previously, he had won the National PGA and the Masters—and raised his 1949 earnings to \$23,550, highest among the traveling professionals.—United Press.

Gymnastics Display In Stockholm

Stockholm, July 31.

One hundred gymnastic experts have declared Finland to be the best team in the five-day Linglad (Gymnastics) play) which ended here tonight, according to the Stockholm newspaper, "Expressen."

The Linglad is a demonstration and not a competitive event.

The experts judged the gymnasts on 10 points: their strength, grace, physical condition, suppleness, precision, endurance, originality, beauty, spirit and body control.

They gave second honours to Estonia, followed by Switzerland, Sweden, Holland, India and Belgium.

The remaining countries—Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, France, Eire, Portugal and the United Kingdom—were given equal marks.—Reuter.

U.S. To Broadcast In Cantonese

Washington, July 31.

The State Department announced today that its "Voice of America" broadcasts to the Far East

will be augmented by a new two-hour programme and by news reports in the Cantonese dialect beginning tomorrow.

The Department said that it is

an effort to open new channels

of information to the Chinese

people to take the place of the

United States Information Service

and other news operations which

the new Communist regime is

suspending.

The new two-hour broadcasts

will be heard in the morning

hours in China (10:00 p.m. to mid-

night GMT) and will include news, commentaries and features, half in English and half in Cantonese.

The new Chinese language

programme will be introduced

into the regular news service

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Shirley May, Inc., To Swim English Channel

Dover, July 31.

Shirley May, France, Incorporated, has arrived from the United States to swim the English Channel.

The 16-year-old American girl and her retinue—incorporated under the law—hit England with a big splash of publicity and Shirley swiftly told the press: "I just can't lose."

Italian Wins Grand Prix In Holland

Zandvoort, Holland, July 31.

Luigi Villoresi, the Italian

driver, today won the Grand

Prix motor race on the Zand-

voort circuit on the sea coast

near Haarlem.

Villoresi, driving a Ferrari,

had a great battle with his com-

petitor, Alberto Ascari, on a

track which the latter

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